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JP 10-141052 and JP 2002-66331 are discussed on page 2 of the specification.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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